at (4) above.[Placed in Library. *See* No. LT–1524/92]

13.02 hrs.

ESTIMATES COMMITTEE

Eleventh Report

[*English*]

SHRI MANORANJAN BHAKTA (Andaman & Nicobar Islands): I beg to present the Eleventh Report (Hindi and English versions) of the Estimates Committee on Action Taken by Government on the recommendations contained in the Eleventh Report of the Committee (9th Lok Sabha) on the Ministry of Finance, Department of Economic Affairs (Banking Division) — Manpower Requirements in Nationalised Banks.

13.02 1/2 hrs.

PETITION *RE*: GRANT OF INDIAN CITIZENSHIP TO THE CHAKMA AND HAZONG TRIBALS OF ARUNACHAL PRADESH

[*Translation*]

SHRI LALIT ORAON (Lohardaga): I beg to present a petition regarding grant of Indian Citizenship to the Chakma and Hazong tribals of Arunachal Pradesh, signed by Shri Uttam Chakma, resident of B–5/67, Safdarjung Enclave, New Delhi.

13.03 hrs.

MATTERS UNDER RULE 377

[*English*]

(I) Need for construction of a new Airport in Cochin

SHRI P.C. CHACKO (Trichur): Naval Aerodrome at Cochin is being used by the Civil Aviation Department for domestic operations but no improvement has been made to Cochin Airport for the last 15 years.

Air Buses or any other big aircraft cannot land at Cochin airport and small aircraft now operating cannot meet the traffic requirements of Cochin. Cochin is not only a central place of the State of Kerala, but also a place of tourist importance. Considering the vast tourist potential of the State, expansion of Cochin Airport may be considered on a top priority.

As decided in a meeting with the Minister of Tourism and Civil Aviation on 14-9-1991 the District Collector of Ernakulam has submitted three proposals for a new Airport at Cochin.

The main objection of the Ministry of Civil Aviation for this new Airport was due to paucity of funds. Therefore, it is suggested that a set up with NRI participation on the pattern of Konkon Railway Board be considered for the construction of the Cochin Airport and the Central Government should take immediate steps in this regard.

(II) Need to recognise 'Valmiki' and 'Boya' tribes in Karnataka as Scheduled Tribes

SHRI GANGADHARA SANIPALLI (Hindupur): Valmikis, Boyas tribes in South were primarily leading a semi–nomadic life with huntings and fruit gathering as their occupations. But even four decades after independence their social and economic life has not improved much. Recognising this fact, the Karnataka Government gave them the status of scheduled tribes.

I urge on the Central Government also to provide them scheduled tribes status.

(III) Need for early construction of an oil depot at Aonla, Uttar Pradesh

[*Translation*]

SHRI RAJVEER SINGH (Aonla): Mr.

[Sh. Rajveer Singh]

Deputy Speaker, Sir, the Government gave approval for the setting up an oil depot in the Aonla Parliamentary Constituency in 1990. However, farmers whose lands were acquired for the purpose have not been given adequate compensation so far. Apart from that, the construction work of the oil depot is yet to commence, although the Government has earmarked crores of rupees for the purpose. The setting up of this oil depot will solve the petrol/diesel shortage problem of the area. The more the delay, the escalation in the cost of construction would be more. Therefore, it is very essential to complete the project at the earliest, to meet the oil requirements of the area.

Therefore, it is my humble request to the Union Government to start the construction work of the oil depot at Aonla at the earliest.

(iv) Need to release funds to the Government of Gujarat under Agriculture and Rural Co-operative Debit Relief Scheme, 1990

[*English*]

SHRI KASHIRAM RANA (Surat): The Gujarat Government has introduced the Agricultural and Rural Cooperative Debt Relief Scheme, 1990 in the light of guidelines given by the Government of India. The scheme envisages sharing of the financial burden by the Central Government and the Gujarat State Government in the ratio of 50 : 50. Out of a total financial burden of Rs. 553.58 crores, the Central Government's schools of equal amount, that is, Rs. 176.79 crores. The amount to be borne by the State Government under the scheme is to be received from the Government of India as loan through NABARD.

Government of India has so far released a grant of Rs. 107.406 crores and loan of Rs. 107.406 crores through NABARD of State share. Thus, the total amount received is Rs. 214.812 crores, which has been passed on to the State Co-operative Bank and State Land Development Bank.

Now, an amount of Rs. 138.768 crores is required to be released by Government of India – half of it as grant and the remaining half as loan through NABARD. Government of India has been requested from time to time to release the amount quickly.

In these circumstances, I urge on the Central Government to release the remaining amount immediately.

(v) Need to fix uniform rate for storage of potatoes in cold storages throughout the country

[*Translation*]

SHRI MANJAY LAL (Samastipur): Hon. Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, the condition of the farmers in the country is going from bad to worse. Apart from the problems caused by the recurring floods, the farmers of North Bihar are affected by the rise in the prices of agricultural inputs and the exploitation of the middlemen. This year, the potato crop in Bihar has been severely hit by frost. Their difficulties have multiplied because the cold storage owners are charging an advance payment of Rs. 15/- per quintal to reserve space for storing potatoes. This is higher than that of previous years. Along with it, the rent for keeping potatoes in the cold storage has been increased to Rs. 65/- per quintal. Therefore, keeping in mind the difficulties faced by the farmers of Bihar, the Union Government is requested to fix a uniform rate throughout the country, for keeping potato in cold storage and thereby mitigate the difficulties of the farmers and save them from economic exploitation.

(vi) Need to set up a high power T.V. transmitter in District Saharsa and Low Power Transmitter at Sepaul, Bihar

SHRI SURYA NARAYAN YADAV